

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

#### **A. THE CLAIMS**

This supplemental amendment assumes previous entry of the claim amendments submitted on November 19, 2009, which appears to be the case from PAIR. Upon further reflection it appears that a few of those amendments would be best left un-done. Particularly affected are claims 1, 9, and 27. Applicants now believe that antecedent basis is best provided for claims 1, 9, and 27 as reflected in this present document, especially when considering antecedent basis for some claim elements on a per domain basis. For example, “a middlebox in the first domain” as compared to “a middlebox in the second domain” shows that *different* middleboxes are referenced.

#### **B. MISCELLANEOUS**

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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